## FACT SHEET

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- AID Warehouse is an operating general merchandise warehouse located in a predominately residential area of Houston.
- The threat at this facility consists of 91 overpacked drums of abandoned pesticide products which originated from a Superfund cleanup in Colorado. The owners of the material are currently serving time for fraud against the United States.
- The overpacked drums are deteriorating rapidly and releasing volatile gases. Workers at the warehouse and the general public are at the greatest risk of exposure due to inhalation and the threat of fire or explosion should these materials mix with incompatible materials.
- The situation qualifies as an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or the environment.
- As these materials were considered pesticide products and not wastes, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act does not apply.
- The warehouse is owned by the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company and operated by A-International Distribution Corporation and Houston Transfer & Storage Co. Respondents have expressed a willingness to undertake response actions during meetings with EPA staff.

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